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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JAN 28

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1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS--

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS FAIRLY LIGHT AND TYPICALLY NEGATIVE:
GROMYKO TOLD THE POLISH FONMIN ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT;

-- ON MIDDLE EAST TOPICS, THE CENTRAL PRESS CONCENTRATES
ON THE U.S. VETO AT THE UNSC, AND IMPLIES THE U.S. IS TRYING TO
IGNORE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS;

-- IN LIGHT COVERAGE OF ANGOLA, REPORTS CONTINUE THAT
SOUTH AFRICANS DO NOT INTEND TO WITHDRAW. EXCERPTS FROM
CUBAN LETTER TO WALDHEIM CONCENTRATE ON HAVANA'S STAND
THAT CUBAN POLICY IS MERELY SUPPORT FOR A BROTHERLY
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

-- THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE PARTY SECRETARIES' MEETING
IN WARSAW MENTIONS ONLY EUROPE AND ANGOLA EXPLICITELY;

-- POLITBURO MEMBER MAZUROV RECEIVED LOS CONFERENCE
CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE.

2. U.S. THE RANGE OF ITEMS AND THE TYPE OF TREATMENT
ARE ABOUT AVERAGE FOR THE SOVIET PRESS THESE DAYS, WITH IZVESTIYA
CARRYING A PHOTO AND CAPTION ON THE PITTSBURG TEACHER'S
STRIKE, AN ITEM ON PENTAGON EMPLOYMENT FOR FORMER EM-
PLOYEES OF "MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL" COMPANIES, AND A REPORT ON U.S.
ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES DISCUSSED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S BUDGET
MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS. ALL MEDIA HAVE REPORTED PAUL
ROBESON'S DEATH AND THE CONDOLENCES FROM THE SOVIET DEFENSE
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OF PEACE COMMITTEE. THE MILITARY NEWSPAPER KRASNAYA
ZVEZDA DENOUNCES THE ALLEGED EXPANSION OF U.S. MILITARY
BASES, SPECIFICALLY IN BAHRAIN AND DIEGO GARCIA. PRAVDA'S
ACCOUNT OF GROMYKO'S REMARKS AT THE LUNCH FOR POLISH
FOREIGN MINISTER OL'SHOVSKIY HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW AND THE PROGRESS
TOWARD A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. "WE WANT A NEW AGREEMENT TO
BE WORKED OUT AND SIGNED--THE SOONER THE BETTER," SAID GRO-

MYKO, WHO PLEDGED THAT THE USSR WOULD DO "EVERYTHING THAT DEPENDS UPON IT" TO REACH AN ACCORD.

3. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA (JAN 28) LEADS WITH A REPORT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE UNSC DEBATE; OTHER CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES SIMILAR STORIES. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, THE STATUS OF THE PALESTINIANS REMAINS THE CENTRAL PROBLEM, AND THE U.S. CAST A VETO DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION. PRAVDA CLAIMS THAT THE U.S. EXPLANATION OF THE VOTE WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON OUR NON-RECOGNITION OF THE PLO, AND IMPLIES THAT THE U.S. IS TRYING TO IGNORE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. PRAVDA'S ACCNT HIGHLIGHTS MALIK'S CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE, AND CONCLUDES WITH A CALL FOR A RECONVENED GENEVA MEPC WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO.

4. ANGOLA. IN LIGHT COVERAGE, PRAVDA REPORTS THE SOUTH AFRICAN DENIAL THAT THEY ARE WITHDRAWING FROM ANGOLA, AND IMPLIES THAT STORES TO THIS EFFECT ARE FIGMENTS OF THE WESTERN PRESS'S IMAGINATION. PRAVDA REPORTS THE DELIVERY TO WALDHEIM OF A LETTER FROM THE CUBAN UN REP JUSTIFYING CUBAN ACTIONS IN ANGOLA ESSENTIALLY AS SUPPORT FOR A BROTHERLY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (JAN 28) CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT FROM PRAGUE THAT RUDE PRAVO ALSO REFUTED THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE STORY RE A CZECH CONNECTION IN SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO ANTI-MPLA FORCES IN ANGOLA.

5. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA FRONT PAGES THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE WARSAW MEETING OF PARTY SECRETARIES FROM THE U.S.S.R., CUBA AND MONGOLIA. THE DOCUMENT SAYS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED THE IDEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO DETENTE AND THE RESULTS OF CSCE. IN PART-

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CULAR, THEY RENEWED THEIR PLEDGE TO IMPLEMENT "ALL PRINCIPLES" OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE ONLY OTHER SPECIFIC ITEM WAS AN EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH "THE PEOPLE" OF ANGOLA. PRAVDA AND OTHER MEDIA ALSO REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OL'SHOVSKIY IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 27 AND HIS TALKS WITH GROMYKO. PRAVDA'S ACCOUNT OF GROMYKO'S REMARKS AT HIS LUNCH FOR OL'SHOVSKIY HIGHLIGHTED THE SECRETARY'S VISIT (PARA 2), WHILE OL'SHOVSKIY UNDERLINED POLAND'S COMMITMENT TO DETENTE AS THE NEW COURSE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

6. LOS. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER MAZUROV RECEIVED G.S. AMERASHINGHE, CHAIRMAN OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF THE SEA ON JANUARY 26.

THUS FAR NONE OF AMERASINGHE'S OTHER ACTIVITIES HERE
HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
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